**Tip-Sheet:**

Book Appreciation

Why is book appreciation important?

* Developing young children’s appreciation for books and their motivation to read are fundamental goals during the early years.
* Interactive book reading is one of the most effective strategies for promoting book knowledge.
* Books are important tools for learning that require special knowledge and handling.



Child Book Knowledge & Appreciation Learning Stages

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Book Knowledge & Appreciation Strategies

* Read one-on-one to children on laps or snuggled close by.
* Make sure literacy experiences are fun, meaningful, and interesting.
* Teach children how to properly care for and handle books.
* Read to children several times a day, every day, expressively and enthusiastically.
* Support parents in telling stories, reading to children, and talking about books.
* Provide opportunities to get library cards.

SOURCE: "Domain 2: Literacy." The Head Start Leaders Guide to Positive Child Outcomes.

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